REMARKS

This Amendment is filed on the date of filing an Appeal Brief. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.33(b)(2), and MPEP §1206, the Amendment rewrites a dependent claim into independent form. Specifically, independent claim 38 is rewritten to incorporate therein all the subject matter of dependent claim 41, and dependent claim 41 is cancelled. As no claims depended from cancelled claim 41, no dependency of other claims has been changed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

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